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June 23, 2006

Caleb Nichols, Esq.
P.O. Box 1585
Erie, PA 16507

RE: Claudette deLeon

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I am writing in response to your request for feedback to enumerated questions regarding the treatment of Claudette deLeon through this office.

1. Claudette deLeon was initially seen by this psychologist through this office on 3/5/01. Our billing record indicates that she was last seen on 1/24/05.
2. Mrs. deLeon was seen for individual psychotherapy by this psychologist and for psychotropic medication management by Gregory L. Richards, M.D. of this office.
3. When initially seen by this psychologist, she was given the diagnosis of Major Depression, Recurrent and Panic Disorder with Agoraphobia. On Axis 2, she was given a diagnosis of Personality Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified. When Dr. Richards initially evaluated Mrs. deLeon on 9/18/01 he gave her a diagnosis of Panic Attacks without Agoraphobia and on Axis 2 Borderline Personality Traits.
4. The difficulties that Mrs. deLeon encountered in her work place and the stress associated with that did not cause her disability, but rather exacerbated her disability.
5. As above, I treated Mrs. deLeon with individual outpatient psychotherapy and Dr. Richards treated her with psychiatric medication management. When initially seen, Dr. Richards had prescribed Buspar 15 mg tid prn, Ativan 0.5 mg and Celexa 20 mg. Dr. Richards's last medication note of 6/7/05 indicated Effexor XR 75 mg bid.
6. It is my opinion that Mrs. deLeon's marital difficulties and other difficulties outside the workplace contributed to periodic exacerbation of her disability.

7. ~~It is my opinion that I concur with the evaluation report of Mrs. deLeon prepared by Dr. Hillin. I have not seen any report of evaluation performed by Dr. Luis Torres.~~

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any further questions, please refer to my treatment notes. Further, as I had indicated, I may not be available to serve as an expert witness at the trial.

Sincerely,



Michael Mercatoris, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist

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December 22, 2003

Re: Claudette DeLeon

To whom it may concern:

Claudette DeLeon is a patient under the combined care of myself and Gregory L. Richards, M.D. Her primary diagnosis is Major Depression, Recurrent. Dr. Richards had additionally diagnosed her with Panic Disorder, without Agoraphobia. It is my opinion that the Panic Disorder has resolved. She at no time during her treatment has shown any symptoms of Schizophrenia.

Sincerely,



Michael Mercatoris, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist

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Date	Type		Provider/Payer	Description	Amount	Balance
3/05/2001	Service	90801	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Psychiatric interview	95.00	95.00
3/05/2001	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	85.00
3/19/2001	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	180.00
3/19/2001	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	170.00
4/19/2001	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	265.00
4/19/2001	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	255.00
5/07/2001	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	350.00
5/07/2001	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	340.00
5/15/2001	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		180.00 CR	160.00
5/21/2001	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	255.00
5/21/2001	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	245.00
6/25/2001	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		85.00 CR	160.00
7/17/2001	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		170.00 CR	10.00 CR
10/01/2001	Service	00001	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Doctor cancelled	0.00	10.00 CR
11/03/2001	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	85.00
1/04/2002	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		85.00 CR	0.00
4/04/2002	Service	00001	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Doctor cancelled	0.00	0.00
4/24/2002	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
4/24/2002	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	85.00
4/24/2002	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		85.00 CR	0.00
4/26/2002	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
4/26/2002	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	85.00
4/26/2002	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		85.00 CR	0.00
5/14/2002	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
5/14/2002	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	85.00
5/14/2002	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		85.00 CR	0.00
5/29/2002	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
5/29/2002	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	85.00
5/29/2002	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		85.00 CR	0.00
6/06/2002	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
6/06/2002	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	85.00
6/06/2002	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		85.00 CR	0.00
7/08/2002	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
7/08/2002	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	85.00
7/08/2002	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		85.00 CR	0.00
7/11/2002	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
7/11/2002	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	85.00
7/11/2002	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		85.00 CR	0.00
8/05/2002	Service	11111	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Failed Appointment	0.00	0.00
10/02/2002	Service	11111	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Failed Appointment	0.00	0.00
12/02/2002	Service	11112	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Cancelled W/O 24 Hour notice	0.00	0.00
1/02/2003	Service	11112	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Cancelled W/O 24 Hour notice	0.00	0.00
2/12/2003	Service	11112	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Cancelled W/O 24 Hour notice	0.00	0.00
3/10/2003	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
3/10/2003	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		2.00 CR	93.00
3/10/2003	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		93.00 CR	0.00
3/26/2003	Service	11112	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Cancelled W/O 24 Hour notice	0.00	0.00
4/10/2003	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
4/10/2003	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		2.00 CR	93.00
4/10/2003	Payment	Check	Highmark BC/BS Select B		93.00 CR	0.00
6/23/2003	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
6/23/2003	Adjustment		Network Adjustment		10.00 CR	85.00
6/23/2003	Payment	Check	Value Options		55.00 CR	30.00
7/08/2003	Payment	Check	Claudette DeLeon		30.00 CR	0.00
8/04/2003	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
8/05/2003	Payment	Check	Claudette DeLeon		30.00 CR	65.00
8/27/2003	Payment	Check	Value Options		65.00 CR	0.00
10/22/2003	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	95.00
11/10/2003	Service	90806	Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	190.00

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11/24/2003	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	285.00
12/22/2003	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	380.00
1/26/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	95.00	475.00
3/30/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	105.00	580.00
5/21/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	105.00	685.00
6/16/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	105.00	790.00
7/20/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	105.00	895.00
8/04/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	105.00	1,000.00
8/18/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	105.00	1,105.00
9/15/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	105.00	1,210.00
10/15/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	105.00	1,315.00
11/11/2004	Service	90806 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Individual Psychotherapy, 45-50 min	105.00	1,420.00
11/15/2004	Service	00004 Michael Mercatoris, PhD	Record Request	29.97	1,449.97
11/15/2004	Payment	Check Claudette DeLeon		29.97 CR	1,420.00

Curriculum VitaeMichael Mercatoris, Ph.D.462 Chestnut Street
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Fax 814-337-6067***Educational Background***The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. 1970-1976M.S., Clinical Psychology, 1972; Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, 1976, with minors in
Psychophysiology and Research Design/Methodology; USPHS FellowshipAllegheny College, Meadville, PA 1966-1969B.A., Psychology; Pratt Award for Outstanding Junior in Psychology, 1968; graduated
cum laude.Duke University, Durham, NC 1965-1966

Transferred to Allegheny College.

Professional ExperienceMichael Mercatoris, Ph.D. & Associates, P.C. 1979-PresentPrivate practice which has grown from one licensed psychologist
(self) to include four licensed psychologists, three psychotherapists,
one psychiatrist and three office personnel. Personally see a variety
of clients from children to older adults, supervise three psychothera-
pists and have with experience in EAP, short and long term therapy,
chronic populations, variety of disorders.

Meadville, PA

Meadville Medical Center 1968-Present

Staff privileges as a Clinical Psychologist

Formerly Meadville City Hospital and Spencer Hospital.

Meadville, PA.

Northwest Medical Center 1981-1987

Staff privileges as a Clinical Psychologist.

Formerly Franklin Regional Medical Center.

Franklin, PA.

Headache Center/Neurology Institute of Western Pennsylvania 1990-1991

Psychological Consultant and Associate.

Meadville, PA

Franklin Regional Medical Center 1981-1987

Clinical Instructor, Family Practice Residency Program

Director, Behavioral Science Department, Family Practice

Franklin, PA

<u>Sarah A. Reed Children's Center</u>	1979-1982
Director of Research and Training, Director of Clinical Services, and Consulting Psychologist	Erie, PA
<u>Consulting Psychologist</u>	1977-1984
Polk Correctional Center, 1982-1984	Polk, PA
Crawford County Association for Retarded Citizens, 1981-1982	Meadville, PA
United Cerebral Palsy of Crawford/Venango Counties, 1981-1982	Meadville, PA
Pupil Services of the Northwest Tri-County IU, 1980-1984	Erie, PA
Good Samaritan Community Mental Health Center, 1977-1979	Dayton, OH
<u>The Pennsylvania State University</u>	1970-1974
Counselor, Career Development & Placement Center, 1973	University Park, PA
Counselor, Division of Counseling, 1972-1973	
Graduate Student Therapist, Department of Psychology, 1970-1974	

Teaching Experience

<u>Villa Maria College</u>	1980-1984
Adjunct Faculty, Psychology Department	Erie, PA
<u>Wright State University School of Medicine</u>	1977-1978
Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry	Dayton, OH
<u>Miami University</u>	1975-1979
Visiting Instructor, Visiting Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology	Oxford, OH
<u>The Pennsylvania State University</u>	1968-1974
Instructor, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology	University Park, PA
<u>Allegheny College</u>	1967-1968
Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant	Meadville, PA

Internship Experience

<u>Palo Alto Veterans Hospital</u>	1974-1975
APA Accredited Pre-Doctoral Internship, Department of Psychology	Palo Alto, CA
<u>Laurelton State School and Hospital</u>	1970-1971
Psychological Associate, Masters level internship	Laurelton, PA

Publications

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Snow, J.S., Mercatoris, M., Beal, D. & Weber, D. (1982). Development of standards of performance by mentally retarded children. American Journal of Mental Deficiency, 87, 282-288.

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Craighead, W.E. & Mercatoris, M. (1972). The use of mentally retarded residents as para-professionals in behavior modification. Presented at the American Association on Mental Deficiency. Minneapolis, MN.

Craighead, W.E. & Mercatoris, M. (1972). The effects of non-participant observation on classroom behavior. Presented at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy. New York, NY.

Dale, J.A., Mercatoris, M., Emanuele, S. & Bittman, B. (1992). Avoidance of muscle sites with high EMG for biofeedback with migraineurs. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavior Medicine. New York, NY.

Mercatoris, M., Cole, C.S., Lewis, L. & Leonard, A. (1980). Depression and the self evaluative process. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy. New York, NY.

Mercatoris, M., Huggins, R.D., & Bedrosian, R. (1979). Increasing appointment keeping with reminders: A cost/benefit approach. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.

Mercatoris, M., Palmer, R.I., Novonty, C., Johnson, M. & Singh, G. (1986). The path of tornadoes: Can a family practice residency respond in natural disaster? Presented at the North East Regional Meeting of the Society of Teachers in Family Medicine. Buffalo, NY.

Mercatoris, J., Wilcoxon-Graighead, L., Craighead, W.E. & Schrader, S. (1979). Factor structure of a mood checklist for use in behavior therapy research. Presented at the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy. San Francisco, CA.

Mercatoris, M., Wenk, N.M., Weber, D.B., Englert, H.F., & Scantlebury, R. (1980). Training summer staff in contingency management: Are in services enough? Presented at the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis. Detroit, MI.

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workshop setting. Presented at the 103rd Annual Meeting of the American Association on Mental Deficiency. Miami Beach, FL.

Weber, D.B., Weber, D.M. & Mercatoris, M.(1979). The least restrictive treatment for hyperactivity: A proposed treatment model. Presented at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation Council for Exceptional Children. Pittsburgh, PA.

Theses

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Mercatoris, M. (1976). Moods, Models and Self-Consequence. Doctoral Dissertation. The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

Licensure/Memberships

<u>Pennsylvania Board of Psychologist Examiners</u>	<u>1979-Present</u>
Licensed Psychologist, License # PS003154L	

<u>State of Ohio Board of Psychology</u>	<u>1978-1997</u>
Licensed Psychologist, License #2771	
Allowed to lapse in good standing due to no longer practicing in State of Ohio	

National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology	1980-Present
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American Psychological Association	1970-Present
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